

Option Request Faces Council

Springfield City Council Monday at 7:30 p.m., will consider an agenda which includes a request by Reichhold Chemicals, Inc., for a 60-day extension to a land purchase option on city property.

The big firm signed an option in February to buy 28 1/2 acres on S. 22nd St., at \$500 per acre. Deadline for exercising the option is now April 19. The firm would reportedly build a phenol plant on the site if they bought it. Phenol is used in making synthetic resins.

Other agenda items include receipt of a petition for paving C St. from 10th to 14th Sts., and a request from Lane County Juvenile Department for Springfield fire department protection at Skipworth Juvenile Home, north of the city.

Several applications for business licenses will be received. Second reading will be given a proposed ordinance regulating grass and weed cutting and removal.

Myth of Russian Infallibility Exploded by Facts of History

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Soviet leadership has been credited with far-sighted planning. But in a situation it didn't plan and can't control it gets reckless to the point of disaster.

This seems to be the long-range policy: everywhere let the local Communist Party, directed and helped by Moscow, try to wreck from within, thus saving Russia the expense of a shooting war.

But the Communists made a historic miscalculation in helping Hitler come to power. And their later non-aggression pact with him and their recent proposal to let a united Germany re-arm were acts of desperation.

IN THE EARLY 1930's the Communists in Germany considered the Social Democrats a worse danger than Hitler. They helped him take control, thinking he wouldn't last long and they'd move in.

Konrad Heiden in his book, "Der Fuehrer," shows this was the Moscow plan by quoting from a note by Stalin: "It is more advantageous for us that the Fascists in Germany should strike first; that will rally the whole working class to the Communists."

HITLER CROSSED them up. He not only stayed and rallied the German people to him but practically wiped out the Communists. In 1939 he was itching for war but found himself sandwiched between Russia in the east and the democracies in the West, both of whom he wanted to attack but not both at once.

If he moved against one, the other might jump him from the rear. Stalin rescued him from this dilemma by signing a non-aggression pact with him, a desperate Soviet effort to escape destruction.

This deal with Fascism by the Russians, who had spent their adult years denouncing it, disillusioned a lot of American fellow-travelers and Communists who got off the Red bandwagon.

While the pact did give the Russians time to re-arm a bit, it almost proved fatal for them. Having demolished the West, except for Britain, Hitler was then free to break the pact and take on Russia.

AFTER THE WAR Moscow saw some unprotected plums on the trees—the countries of Eastern Europe—which it was able to snatch with the help of local Communists and Moscow pressure.

But the main prize was Western Europe. It was broke. It could be a pushover with the help of a little economic chaos and the local Communists. Moscow braintrustered the expected collapse.

The U. S. upset the strategy with the Marshall Plan, the Atlantic Pact, and the re-arming of Western Europe. This produced a situation which the Soviet leadership apparently didn't anticipate at all.

THEY HAD taken control of Eastern Germany after the war, thus splitting the country in two. The Western allies occupied Western Germany. Russia resisted all efforts to let the two parts unite.

The Kremlin men must have thought the West would never let the Germans have guns again. And, so long as Germany remained divided and unarmed, Russia could

Portlander Hits Govt. Spending

PORTLAND, Ore. — (UP) — A Portland businessman said this week he is after the hide of the Bonneville Power Administration as part of his crusade against federal spending.

Gerald MacNamara, manager of the Medical Arts Building and part owner of the Lincoln Building, seeks to kick BPA out of the power transmission business and replace it by a "northwest power marketing grid."

The Portland opponent of federal spending has sent letters to every congressman. BPA Administrator Dr. Paul J. Raver and the governors of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, explaining why he thinks Bonneville's organization must go. With the letters, he has sent a proposed bill for submission to Congress under the name, "Northwest Power Marketing Grid Act of 1952."

Basically, the bill provided for creation of a non-profit organization of all distributors interested in the purchase of the government's hydro-developed power in the northwest. The organization would contract with the government to purchase the entire BPA transmission system.

Barber Shop Chorus Sings at Klamath Falls

The 35-member chorus of the Eugene chapter of SPEBSQSA motored to Klamath Falls, singing there Saturday night in the fourth annual Parade of Quartets.

Sponsor of the event was the Klamath Falls chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. Quartets from all over the Northwest sang.

It was the longest trip yet taken by the Eugene group's chorus.

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feel fairly safe. In the meantime it could exploit the Eastern Germans.

But the rearming Allies, tired of Russian obstruction, first let the Western Germans have their own government and then took the next step: They invited West Germany to provide troops for the Atlantic Pact Army.

This was quite different from letting Germany rearm, for the troops it produced would not be of a German Army but part of the Western European Army. Without German participation that Western Army would be half an army.

THAT MUCH was obvious to the Russians. If they could keep the Germans out of the Western army they could well near wreck it. So they tried. The suggested Germany be allowed to unite and rearm, this was bait for all Germans to split them from the West.

Perhaps Moscow figured a united Germany, split away from the West, could be kept from rearming by Russian pressure and the work of German Communists. Such figuring could be only a wish.

A united Germany, given permission to rearm, would be unpredictable and probably uncontrollable. In the end the rearmend Germany might turn on Russia again. So the Russian proposal becomes an act of desperation to wreck the Western plans which Moscow hadn't anticipated. This is Russian gambling, not planning.

City Schedules Property Sale

Sale of a piece of property at 1294 W. 6th Ave. is planned by the City of Eugene. Finance Officer Henry F. Beistel reported Saturday. It measures approximately 56 by 160 feet.

Sealed bids will be received at the city manager's office until 10 a. m. April 22. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Zoned for limited commercial use (C-1), the site might be used for an auto court, business or professional offices, clinic, flower and plant nursery, printing shop or one of several other types of enterprise included in this zone.

By legal description, the property is "Lot 6, Block 2, Campbell's First Addition to the City of Eugene, Lane County, Oregon."

Music Group Slates Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of Eugene District, Oregon Music Teachers Assn., will be in the Dr. H. A. Hagen home, 426 So. 2nd St., Cottage Grove, at 8 p.m. Monday.

A business meeting will be followed by Mozart's Quintet No. 6 by Miss Wanda Eastwood, first violin; Mrs. Connie Elkins, second violin; Miss Marian Daniels, viola; Mrs. Roberta Lathrop, cello, and Leo York, clarinet.

Assisting hosts will be Mrs. Alford Lathrop, Mrs. Cecil Arms and Harold Specht.

Seek Program In Sheet Metal

Establishment of an on-the-job training program for high school students interested in sheet metal work has been adopted as a goal of the local Sheet Metal Contractors Assn.

Representing some 20 firms in Eugene and Springfield, the association last week announced that a committee will investigate technical and industrial training programs now operating in other Pacific Northwest cities.

The plan is intended to give the students, probably high school juniors and seniors, credit for work done in professional sheet metal shops and to start them toward their apprenticeships in the trade, if they wish.

Meeting on the second Monday of each month, the contractors' group also is investigating the possible establishment of a heating code in Eugene. The Salt Lake City code, generally accepted as an outstanding example, is to be reviewed by the association before suggestions are made locally.

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Laura McNaughton

Laura McNaughton of Junction City died Friday, April 11, 1952, at the age of 88. She was born Oct. 10, 1864, in Sanborn, N. D. She had lived in Junction City the past four years.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Myers of Rhode Island and Lucille Harlan of Portsmouth, Va.; three sons, Eugene of Los Angeles, Edward of Junction City and Richard of Oakridge; two sisters, Bernice Abrahamson of Catherine, N. D., and Isabel Boughton of Seattle, and three brothers, Jim, Ralph and Howard Potter, no addresses.

Recitation of the Rosary will be in Miller-Sherman-Murphy Funeral Home, Junction City, Monday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. Requiem low mass will be in Monroe Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Tuesday, with burial in the IOOF Cemetery, Junction City.

Mae Gilmore

Mae Gilmore, 49, died at McCann, Calif., Saturday, April 5, 1952. She was born in Missouri, June 6, 1902. Until about six years ago she lived in Cottage Grove, after moving there as a child. She was married to Lee Gilmore at Powers, Ore., in 1948.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth Fueston, Cottage Grove, and a daughter, Lois Hutchinson, Loran; six grandchildren; her father, Frank Warren, Cottage Grove; two sisters, and one brother.

Graveside services will be Monday, April 14, at 2:30 p.m. at Comstock Cemetery. Rev. Sherwood Smith will officiate. Smith Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Elizabeth Anderson

Elizabeth Anderson, 72, formerly of Goshen, died recently in McMinnville. Mr. Anderson lived at Goshen from 1921 to 1930.

Surviving are her widower, Addison; two sons, Clay of Woodland, Wash., and Arly of Portland; four daughters, Cecelia Frey of Fall Creek, Maybelle in California, Christine Brindle and Betty Ferguson, both of Portland; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Burial was at McMinnville Tuesday, April 8.

GETS BETTER DEAL
SPOKANE, Wash. — (UP) — The city got no more than a \$50 auction offer for a 1914 Stutz fire truck, so traded it in for \$350.

Cora Belle Campbell

Cora Belle Campbell, 76, died in Eugene April 11, 1952. She had been a Waverly resident for about 35 years. Born in Odessa, Mo., in 1875, she was married to Claude Campbell at Bates City, Mo., on Nov. 8, 1897. He died in 1948.

Surviving is one son, Kel Campbell, Waverly.

Services will be Monday, April 14, at 2 p.m. at the Bartholomew-Buell Chapel in Springfield, with Rev. Claude O'Brian officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

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